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To the I.G. of Police, Comptroller, Messrs John Taylor & Sons & the Dy Commr Kolar.

Intimates the sanction of the relevant for the period of 3 years of the detectives from the K.G.F. Messrs John Taylor & Sons for an annual contribution of Rs 13000/- towards the maintenance

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Police)

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File No. 9706-07

FILE HEADING.

Continuance of the Detective Establishment on the Kolar Gold Fields.

FROM

The Inspector General of Police in Mysore

No. 1098/120 Dated 9.8.06. Received 11.8.06

Diary No. J394 | Enclos. 1 | Spare Copies. | Serial No. 6

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwards copy of letter D/ 6.8.06 from the Secy & Treasurer John Taylor and Sons Committee, Coregaum enclosing Messrs John Taylor & Sons letter of the 20th July 1906 stating that they are desirous of renewing the existing arrangements for a further period of 3 years & requests ~~must & early sanction for the arrangement.~~

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Subs. Messrs John Taylor & Sons in their letter to the Secy & Treasurer of their Committee, Coregaum express their desire to continue the establishment for a period of 3 years from 1st July 1906. Reply to our Hlg L letter no J 343 D/ 3.8.06 has not as

NOTES—First sheet.

MGCPB—30,000—17-2-05.

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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yet been received. May it be awaited?

BS.
14.8.06

NRL
14-8-06

4 GS.

~~Acknowledge receipt in connection with letter?~~

bee
16.8.06

From The D.G. of Police no. 1428/149 D/ 21.8.06

Forwards copy of letter no. C.13 D/ 20.7.06 from the Dy. Comm. of Kolar and a copy of the report from the Dt. Supdt. of Police, Kolar, regarding the working of the Detective Police on the Kolar Gold Fields for the last 3 years.

3 Subo. for orders. This office no J 39 D/ 7.7.06 calls for the report referred to in G.O. no. 180-72/ T.F.42 D/20.7.06. The D.G. subo. the report for only two years with his letter no. 388/36 D/ 13.7.06. Now he furnishes a report for the last 3 years.

BS.
25-8-06.

NRL
25-8-06

4 We may await a reply from John Taylor & Sons to ~~be~~ connected/

3-8-06

bee
25/8/06

F.B
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GPB—50,000—23 10-05

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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Serial No. 8 from Messrs John Taylor & Sons D/ 31.8.06

Confirms their cablegram to this committee at Coligaum and requests that the present arrangements may be continued for a further term of 3 years commencing from the 20th July 1906.

5 Subo. ~~for orders~~ with a draft sanctioning the continuance for 3 years from 20th July 1906

3.9.06 SW 20/9/06

6 Secy) The terms for circulating & Revn and Genl Depts 24.9.06

7 To Dewan Asst 2 @ c.r.

Draft may be approved - I would invite a perusal of Mgr's letter of 21st August 06

23.09 25/9/06

8 Draft approved by Dewan

20/10/06

9 Done accdly

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NOTE—Contn. sheet

PB—50,000—23 10-05

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General and Revenue
Secretariat.

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9 No. J 773-6 Dt 28.9.06.

To

The I. G. of Police
The Comptroller
Messrs. John Taylor & Sons
The D. C. of Kolar.

Intimate the sanction of the retention, for a period of 3 years, of the Detective force on the Kolar Gold Fields, Messrs John Taylor & Sons paying an annual contribution of Rs 13,000/- towards its maintenance

Note—Contn. sheet

GPB—50,000—23 10-05

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1906-07.

From, mh 10 & 6

The Inspector General of Police

Police in Mysore.

To, file no. 9 Sl no. 6

The Secretary to the Govt. of

H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,

Genl: & Rev: Departments.

Dated. 9'

Despatched. 9' August 06

Received.

General No: 1098

No: 120

Enclosure No:/

Requesting sanction to the continuance for 3 years of the detective staff on the Gold fields agreeably to the present arrangements.

No: 1098/21/120

Office of the
Inspector General of Police in Mysore.
Dated Bangalore, 9th August 1906.

From,

F. E. C. Carr Esquire,
Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

To,

K. S. Chandrasekhara Iyer Esquire, B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments.

Sir,

With reference to Government Proceedings No: J 341-2 Flag L -Police 9-06-4 dated 3rd instant, sanctioning the retention of the Detective Police Force on the Kolar Gold Fields till the end of September 1906, I have the honor to forward herewith, for the information of Government, copy of letter dated 6th August 1906, from the Secretary and Treasurer, Messrs John Taylor & Sons' Committe, Oorgaum, enclosing copy of Messrs John Taylor & Son's letter of the 20th July 1906, stating that they are desirous of renewing the existing arrangements for a further period of 3 years.

I request therefore that you will be so good as to move Government to accord formal and early sanction to the above arrangements.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

F. E. C. Carr

Inspector General of Police.

Encl

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Messrs. John Taylor & Sons' Committee,
Oorgaum,
Province of Mysore,
India.

6th August 1906.

F. E. C. Carr Esquire,
Inspector General of Police
in Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

KOLAR GOLD FIELD DETECTIVE POLICE FORCE.

In continuation of my letter of the 13th July last, to which I regret to state I have not as yet been favoured with a reply, I beg to give below for your information a copy of Messrs. John Taylor & Sons' communication of the 20th ultimo on the above subject, and to request that you will be good enough to forward me at your early convenience the confirmation desired by Messrs. John Taylor & Sons.

COPY OF MESSRS JOHN TAYLOR & SONS' LETTER OF THE 20th JULY 1906.

" In continuation of our letter to you dated the 13th in-
" stant, in regard to the Kolar Gold Fields Detective Police
" Force we desire to state that ever since this Force was orga-
" nised, reports have been forwarded to the Directors from time
" to time testifying as to the good work done by this Department
" and shewing that the Inspector General of Police and Police
" Superintendent regard the Detectives as a valuable auxiliary to
" the Regular Police. We therefore are of opinion that it is
" desirous that the existing arrangements be renewed for a further
" period of three years dating from 1st July 1906.

" We shall be glad if the Committee will send to us the
" Government's confirmation of the above proposal in due course".

Thanking

Thanking you in anticipation.

I have &c.,

(Signed.) C. B. Bennetts.

Secretary & Treasurer.

" C O P Y "

Inspector General of Police.

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From,

The Inspector General of Police

in Mysore.

To,

The Secretary to the Govt. of

H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore

Genl: & Rev: Departments.

Dated. 21 August '06.
Despatched.

Received.

General No: 1428
No: 1429

Enclosure No:

Forwarding copy of letter from the Dy Commissioner Kolar Distt together with a report from the Distt. Supdt. of Police, giving details of the working of the detective Police on the Kolar Gold fields for the past 3 years

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NO: 1428 Encs. / 149

Office of the
Inspector General of Police in Mysore.
Dated, Bangalore, 21st August 1906.

From,

F. E. C. Carr Esquire,
Inspector General of Police
in Mysore.

To,

K. S. Chandrasekhara Iyer Esquire, B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No: 1098/120 dated 9th August 1906, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of letter No: C.13 dated 20th July 1906 from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, together with a report from the District Superintendent of Police, Mr. Mayne, with enclosures, giving details of the working of the Detective Police on the Kolar Gold Fields for the past 3 years.

2. It is clear from the District Superintendent's letter, that the Detective Department has fully justified its existence, and that its continuance on the same lines is most essential. This has been fully recognised by the Directors of the Companies in England, who may I think be considered competent and interested judges in this matter, seeing that they have agreed to continue the sum of ₹13,000/- annually, for a further term, towards the upkeep of the Establishment.

3. The Deputy Commissioner, however appears to be of a different opinion, after a very short experience, and goes out of his way to damn the work of the Department with faint praise.

I am unable to determine how he has come to the "safe conclusion" that "the experiment", as he calls it, is merely "in its initial stage, having been only practically tried from the year 1905." He comes to this conclusion in para 2 of his letter and then completely upsets it in para 3, by saying that the special Detective Establishment has been working for 3 years. If he had gone back to former references on the subject, he would have found that the Establishment has been in existence since August 1900 - in other words - for fully 6 years - vide Government Proceedings No: J.3/42 dated 3rd August 1900, in which the Government sanctioned the organisation of a Detective Police Establishment; and further in their Proceddings No: J.170-72/42 -98-99 dated 20th July 1903, again sanctioning the continuance of the Establishment for a further period of 3 years. Since 1900, the Department has been at work under the direct supervision of the District Superintendent of Police, Kolar Gold Fields, and in 1905 it merely extended its operations, by the employment of Mr. Pritchard as an extra supervising agent, to enable the Detective Department to make use of the information in the hands of the Watchmen Establishment under that officer.

4. In para 3, the Deputy Commissioner attempts to show that "the final results of the operations are in no way commensurate with the cost", and having carefully excluded from his calculations the most important recovery of property by the Police, states that the aggregate amount of property recovered was Rs 11,000/- against a total expenditure of Rs 34,000/-. The correct figures however are Rs 30,000/- recovered as against Rs 34,000/- expended. I fail to see why the case in which the Police were particularly successful, should not be included in the assets of Police work.

It is the first instance that I have come across, in which the working of a Police Force is gauged wholly and solely on the basis of property recovered. This mode of calculating the success and uses of the Police, if applied to the Mysore

Police

Police as a whole, would be peculiarly disastrous, the total cost of the Force being 10 lakhs, as against property recovered ₹82000/

5. In para 4, the Deputy Commissioner states that the fall in the Excise revenue on the Field has "absolutely no connection with the state of crime, nor, is it any indication whatever of diminution of thefts of gold or quartz."

I must agree to differ entirely with himbn this point. No one knowing the Field as well as I do, and with six years' intimate acquaintance as Deputy Commissioner and Inspector General of Police, with the Police work there - both of the Detective Department and of the Regular Police-would deny for a moment, that the passing of stolen gold from hand to hand has been rendered far more difficult, by the improved system of surveillance, and frequent apprehension of offenders.

This being so, there can be no doubt whatever that the amount of money available to be spent on intoxicants by the more depraved and criminal classes on the Field, has appreciably decreased, with a consequent drop in the Excise revenue.

6. In para 5, the Deputy Commissioner puts down the "growing difficulty of obtaining cases", not to the preventive action of the carefully organised staff of detectives, who have instilled a wholesome fear in the minds of criminals on the Field by their successful tracing of gold thefts for the last six years; nor to the general good work of the Department(which might with some show of justice be considered); but to the "publicity of the staff" and the"loud thinking" of the Department!Perhaps the Deputy Commission -er is unaware of the fact that the leading detectives of Scotland - Yard, are far better known to the criminal classes of the City of London, than the most renowned politicians or public men. He appears to be carried away by the popular idea of a detective - i.e., a carefully disguised person of the Sherlock Holmes type.

7. In para 6, the Deputy Commissioner seems to consider

that

that the Detective Establishment requires proper "nursing, and a fair trial, under normal environments"

I would like to point out that the Department has been under the uninterrupted and personal supervision of Sir John Lambert and myself for the last six years, and directly under Messrs. Thomas, Mayne, and Pritchard, aided by the most competent Inspectors that we were able to draft from the Mysore and Madras Police. The Department has in fact had expended on it the "greatest perseverance, and careful handling" possible, and has by its exceptionally successful career, fully justified its existence.

As to "normal environments", it is worth considering whether a Detective Department would be essential if environments were normal. The whole "raison detre" of the Detective Department rests on the fact that the environments on the Kolar Gold Fields are "abnormal" and require special treatment.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Inspector General of Police.

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No: C.13. Kolar Deputy Commissioner's Office.

Dated Champion Reefs, 20th July 1906.

From,

C. Srikantesvara Aiyer Esquire, B.A., B.L.,
Deputy Commissioner Kolar District.

To,

F. E. C. Carr Esquire,
Inspector General of Police
in Mysore.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith the report of the Kolar Gold Fields District Superintendent of Police on the Special Detective Police Force maintained on the Fields for the past three years from 1903 to 1906 and to observe as follows, regarding certain points referred to therein.

2. While a well organised and carefully selected staff of Detective Police is a desideratum to be devoutly wished for, especially in a busy centre like the Fields, it seems to me rather too premature to draw any safe conclusion for an experiment that has been tried, practically only from April 1905, it being merely the initial stages of a start prior to that. The results achieved so far are decidedly encouraging though they are not such as to warrant hazarding the remark that thefts have diminished considerably on the Gold Fields or that in consequence whereof the Liquor Revenue has gone down.

3. From the subjoined statement of cases handled by the Special Detective Establishment it will be seen that during the past three years 179 cases have been traced by them involving property valued at ₹ 29,964-14-0, of which the Sensational Brick case was the biggest with ₹ 18,000/- worth of gold recovered. Excluding this unique case, the other 178 cases were more or less petty ones wherein the aggregate amount of property recovered

recovered was Rs 11,965/- against a total expenditure of Rs 34,616/- incurred on the Department since its commencement. Thus it can neither be said that the financial results of the operations are, in any way, commensurate with the costs, nor that the crimes detected bear any comparison with what has been going on.

Period	Number of cases traced	Value of property Concerned.			Results of cases.				Amount of expenditure incurred for the Department.		
					Convicted	Acquitted	Dropped	Pending Disposal			
From 1st July '03 to 30th June '04	63	6334	6	-	46	12	4	1	8684	-	-
From 1st July '04 to 30th June '05	49	19,877	12	-	34	10	3	2	12,410	10	7
From 1st July 05 to 30th June '06	67	3752	12	-	51	7	5	4	13,521	5	
Total	179	29,964	14	0	131	29	12	7	34,615	15	8

4. The fall in the prices of Liquor Shops at the Fields during the current year has absolutely no connection with the state of crime, nor is it any indication whatever of diminution of thefts of gold and quartz. There has been agreeably, a very considerable fall of Arrack Revenue throughout the Province, mainly owing to a long space of hotter season than usual with drought and high prices of food grains and consequent inability of cooly population to spare enough for luxuries, and largely owing to the comparative paucity of big D.P.W. works attracting large floating population of liquor consumers - as per instance, the shops at Betamangala in 1904-05 when the construction of the Reservoir and the repairs of breaches of tanks were going on when so many as 1,500 to 2,000 coolies of Wadder caste &c tended to run

While consumption of toddy which is a nutritious beverage has increased all over.

run up the consumption to 1,058 gallons against the 391 gallons of the bad year 1905-06. Moreover, there were other causes peculiar to the Gold Fields last year, such as, spiteful unhealthy competition between a wealthy powerful Firm and other poorer and less influential local bidders, and several malpractices including smuggling from the Frontier Districts, which had to be put down with a strong hand - all tending to bring down the revenue to somewhat its normal level.

5. That growing difficulty is experienced of late in obtaining cases compared to what it used to be when the Detecti Department was started, is, I am afraid, more due to the publicity of the staff, than an indication of any prevention of crime. This, of all Departments, has to work with less loud thinking.

6. With perseverence and careful handling, the Department is one that deserves to be nursed and I would give it a further fair trial under normal enviornments.

I have &c.,

(Signed.) C. Srikantesvara Aiyer.

Deputy Commissioner,

Kolar District.

" C O P Y "

Inspector General of Police.

Office of the

Supt. of Police, Kolar Gold Fields.

Dated Champion Reefs, 13th July 190

From

R. J. M. Wayne Esquire,

District Superintendent of Police,

Kolar Gold Fields.

To

F. E. C. Carr Esquire,

Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

(Through the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar.)

Sir,

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In compliance of para 2 of Mysore Govt. Pros. No. 170-7 -J42-1898-99 dated 20th July 1903, I have the honour to submit the following report on the special Detective Police Force on the Kolar Gold Fields for the past 3 years from 1903 to 1906.

2. In the first place I have to mention that during the above period it was decided that a portion of the yearly allotment for the Detective Department should be handed over to Mr. S. M. Pritchard, Chief Supervisor of Watchmen, who was given the powers of a Station House Officer, and that he should have a special detective staff working under him, subordinate to the control of District Superintendent of Police of the Kolar Gold Fields. This arrangement was discussed with the Inspector - General and Sir John Lambert K.C.I.E., and was approved of by them and was regularly started from April 1905 under the formal sanction of the Inspector General and from the results shown would so far appear to have been very successful.

3. I enclose a statement giving the total number of cases traced and dealt with by the whole Detective Department with the results of the same, the value of the property concerned in such cases and recovered and the expenditure on the Detective Department for the past 3 years, from 1st July 1903 to June 30th 1906.

4. The average strength of the Detective staff employed during the period under report has been as follows :-

1. Inspector on	₹200/-.	per mensem.
3. Head Constables on	₹210/-.	do.
5. Constables on	₹125/-.	do.
13. Private Detectives on ...	₹219/-.	do.
Total	₹554/-.	do.

5. As I have been in charge of the office of the Supt. of Police of the Kolar Gold Fields for only a period of just over two months, I regret that I am unable to submit a detailed report on the working of the Detective Force from my personal knowledge or experience of the same for the past 3 years and am therefore enclosing the full reports of Inspector R. Abdul Gafoor and Mr. S. M. Pritchard, giving details of the work of the Force employed under them for the above period and full particulars of the --- results shown. I have to add that from these reports and from the little experience I have had of the work of the Detective Department, it appears clear that not only has this Department fully justified its existence, but also that its continuance is a matter of necessity and importance.

6. I have only a few further remarks to make and have to point out that in the first place, for the period of three years under consideration, the total expenditure of the Department has been ₹34,615-15-3 and is well under the sanctioned allotment of ₹39,000-0-0 and that the value of the stolen property recovered by the exertions of the Detective Department during the three years in question amounts to ₹29,964-14-0, which is only about a fourth less than the amount spent on the up-keep of the Department.

7. Further, I have to specially notice that the existene of the Detective Department on the Gold Fields is also a great preventive of gold thefts, as evinced by the evident growing difficulty experienced in obtaining cases, compared to what it used to be, when the Department was first started and also by the great fall in the prices paid for the liquor shops, situated on and around the mining area, as brought to notice by

Mr. Pritchard, in his report enclosed.

8. Under the above circumstances, I would strongly advocate that the continuance of the special Detective Force on the Kolar Gold Fields be recommended.

I have &c.,

(sd) R.J.M. Mayne.

District Superintendent of Police,

Kolar Gold Fields.

" C O P Y "

Inspector General of Police.

Statement showing number of Cases dealt with by the Special Detective Department of the Kolar Gold fields, with results. The value of property concerned and the amount of expenditure incurred for Three years from 1st July 1903 to 30th June 1906.

Period	Number of Cases traced	Value of Property Concerned.			Results of cases				Amount of expenditure incurred for the Department			Remarks.
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(Signed). R. J. McMaune.
District Superintendent of Police
Kolar Gold Fields

The Inspector General of Police.

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6, Queen Street Place
London, 31st. August 1906.
E.C.

K. S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar Esq. B.A.B.L.,
Sec. to the Government of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Department. Bangalore.

Dear Sir,

In acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 3rd. inst., with enclosures, requesting us to confirm our cablegram to our Committee at Corgaum, regarding the continuation of the Detective Force, we have now the pleasure to confirm that cablegram, copy of which we enclose, and to express our wish that the present arrangements may be renewed for a further term of three years commencing from the 20th. July 1906.

We have been pleased to hear from time to time that the Detective Department has done good work and is regarded by the Inspector General of Police and the Police Superintendent as a valuable auxiliary to the Regular Police.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

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"Detective Force - our desire is to continue on the usual terms

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Signed by ~~Mr. [illegible]~~ N. Krishna Rao.

READ.—

G.P. no. T 3.41-2/Pol 9-06-4 dated the 3rd August 1906, sanctioning the retention of the Detective Establishment on the Kolar Gold Fields up to the end of September 1906, pending the receipt of a formal communication from Messrs John Taylor & Sons, London in regard to the continuance of the annual

over

ORDER THEREON. ~~No.~~

SUBJECT

contribution of Rs 13000 and the term for which they desire the arrangement to remain in force

2. Letter no 1428/169 dated the 21st August 1906 from the D. S. P. Police in Mysore, forwarding a copy of the report on the working of the Detective Police on the Kolar Gold Fields for the past 3 years

3. Letter dated the 31st August 1906 from Messrs. John Taylor & Sons expressing their desire that the present arrangements regarding the Detective Establishment ~~on the Kolar Gold Fields~~ may be renewed for a further period of 3 years commencing from the 20th July 1906

No J 173-6 / 3d 9-06-9 dt 28.9.1906

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Continuation Sheet draft form.)

Order thereon. No 9

The Govt are pleased to sanction the ~~retention~~ continuance of the existing Detachment ~~Guard~~ Escort at the Kolar Gold Fields for a further period of 3 years from the 20th July 1906, ~~the~~ ~~Government~~ Messrs John Taylor & Sons paying an annual contribution of Rs 13,000 towards its maintenance

Under Secretary

24/9/06

SR 24/9/06

To

The I. G. of Police in Mysore
The Comptroller to Govt.
Messrs John Taylor & Sons
6 Queen Street Place, London

By Command Kolar Gold Fields

Copy to the Assistant in charge

Copied by HLC 28/9/06.

Examd by SR